

CLAYMONT

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

Welcome Back! The school year is off to a wonderful start! The students have been fantastic! I am very proud of them and you can be too. The staff and I are very excited to be working with your children. I can promise you that we will do our best to see that your son/daughter is successful and that we meet their educational needs.

The mission statement for our building is “Mustangs R.... EPICC” (Responsibility, Empathy, Perseverance, Integrity, Communication and Critical Thinking). As you enter the building, you can view our mission statement for the entire building in all areas (restroom, hallway, cafeteria, bus, classroom and recess); as well as the mission statement for the district.

The district statement is **“The Claymont Community.... Providing a Pathway for a Lifetime of Success for every Student.”**

New Phone System-We have up-dated our new phone system that enables you to get text e-mails as well as voice mails. Please make sure your numbers are updated, so that you are getting the texts or calls. **Records must be up-dated yearly or whenever you move or get a new phone number.**

Please note with the new highly qualified law, I am very proud to say that **all** the teachers at Claymont Elementary are highly qualified according to state standards and that we are a school-wide facility under the **Federal Title I program**.

Handbooks---Please remember to go over the student handbook (posted on-line) with your child. It has the rules and regulations as well as the dress code for the building.

Picture Re-take Day will be October 15th with Photographs by Sarah.

Library Book Donations- Over the years, we have been asked if books could be donated to the Elementary in memory of the death of a loved one or a friend. The answer to that question is yes. We would be much honored to place books in our library that can be read by/to our students. A special sticker will be placed in the book naming who purchased it and to whom it is in memory of. You will be notified as to what book was purchased with your donation.

Box Tops-Claymont Elementary will once again be collecting box tops for building rewards. A treat will be given monthly for the students who bring in a completed sheet

Progress Book-As we begin our eleventh year of progress book, I wanted to emphasize to you that this is a great way for you to keep track of your son/daughter's progress. The program is designed to inform you about not only your child's grades, but will include missing assignments, and homework. Please remember that after the first grading period, you may not have access to this program unless you have paid your child's school fees or at least made a down payment. School fees are **\$25.00**. Partial payments can be made! Please make checks payable to Claymont City Schools. **This year all mid-terms will be on-line and report cards printed!**

Tech Fee is: 30.00 for everyone. This is over and above the workbook fee and applies to every student.

Anthony Thomas Candy Bars are now available in the office for \$1.00. Students may purchase and eat at lunch.

Free Breakfast and Lunch will be offered to every student this year. Even if they are late, we can give them a breakfast to go. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this program.

A/B Schedules: Please remember a Group A/B schedule was sent home on September 21st. This indicates what days your child will attend should the county be placed in Level 3 and/or if the Superintendent deems it necessary. Group A

students will attend Monday/Tuesday and Group B students will attend Wednesday/Thursday with remote instruction on the 3 days not attending.

Up-Coming Events:

- October 15th---Picture Retakes
- **October 19-26th---State ELA (Reading Tests) for third Grade**
- October 22nd---End of 9 weeks
- October 29th--- Halloween Parties (1:00 p.m.) (Costumes & Packaged treats)
- Nov. 2nd-Scholastic Book Fair?????? More details to come.
- Nov. 4th--**Parent-Teacher Conferences** (4:00-7:30) **Report cards printed**
- Nov. 5th--- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** (12:00-7:30) No school!
- Nov.6th---No School for Students
- Nov. 26---Nov. 30th---No School for students.
- Dec. 1st---Classes Resume

Attendance-Please call your son or daughter off as soon as possible. They must have a note when they return. If they go to the doctor, dentist, etc, please get an excuse so that the days are excused, however, they do not count towards the **21**-day attendance policy based on **HOURS**. See your handbook for specific details concerning the attendance policy here at Claymont. Keep in mind the tardy bell rings at 8:05 a.m.

School Closings: School closing will be announced on the following radio stations: **WJER, WTUZ** and **WBTC**. It will also be announced on **WTOV-9**. Please do not call any staff members. All students will be notified by phone prior to notifying the media. **PLEASE make sure you have a current phone number on file.**

Fire & Tornado- New signs are being posted throughout the building instructing teachers and students on the proper procedure for handling these types of events. Practice sessions will be held monthly. A disaster plan has been drawn-up should an emergency occur. The procedure for fire and evacuations drills were practiced in September.

Once again, we the staff at Claymont Elementary are looking forward to meeting the educational needs of your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Page, Principal



